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SUBJECT: CHINESE VICE FOREIGN MINISTER TO VISIT US

1. PRC VICE FOREIGN MINISTER ZHANG WENJIN HAS ACCEPTED SECRETARY VANCE'S INVITATION TO VISIT THE US IN MID-MARCH FOR FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSIONS TO THOSE HELD DURING SECRETARY BROWN'S VISIT TO CHINA IN JANUARY. THE MAIN FOCUS WILL BE SOUTHWEST ASIA AND THE INDIAN OCEAN, INCLUDING THE STEPS BOTH COUNTRIES ARE TAKING TO RESPOND

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TO THE SOVIET THRUST INTO AFGHANISTAN. IN ADDITION,

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THESE TALKS WILL PERMIT EXCHANGES ON SOUTHEAST ASIA, EAST-WEST ISSUES IN EUROPE, GLOBAL INTERDEPENDENCE ISSUES (ARMS CONTROL, ENERGY, FOOD/POPULATION, ENVIRONMENT) AND BILATERAL ISSUES. ZHANG'S VISIT, MARCH 13-23, IS PART OF A BROAD RANGE OF CONSULTATIONS WHICH THE TWO GOVERNMENTS

HAVE HELD SINCE THE NORMALIZATION OF US-PRC RELATIONS FOURTEEN MONTHS AGO. IT ALSO PROVIDES THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS BEGUN DURING SECRETARY OF DEFENSE HAROLD BROWN'S VISIT TO CHINA IN JANUARY. WE DO NOT EXPECT TO DISCUSS ANY NEW ACCORDS, BUT WE DO EXPECT ZHANG

TO MEET WITH SENIOR US OFFICIALS DURING THREE DAYS OF TALKS IN WASHINGTON. IN ADDITION THE DELEGATION WILL SPEND TWO DAYS IN HONOLULU AS GUESTS OF CINCPAC, AND TO VISIT NEW YORK PRIVATELY.

2. WE DO NOT PLAN TO ANNOUNCE THE VISIT FORMALLY, BUT THE PRESS IS ALREADY AWARE OF IT. WE PLAN TO ANSWER QUESTIONS DRAWING ON THE POINTS ABOVE.

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